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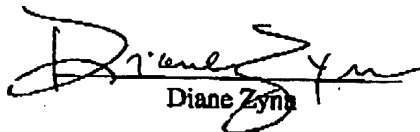
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RE: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/872,052; Attorney Docket No. 1810A-045 (81841.0192)
I hereby certify that the following documents:

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary request dated May 24, 2005, and further to the Amendment dated May 23, 2005, please consider the following remarks:

Statement of the Substance of the Interview begins on page 2 of this paper.

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Interview Summary:

The Applicant stated to the Office that it was believed that the inventor's declaration represented actual evidence and that an affidavit from Obremski stating that the oligonucleotides used in the Obremski patent were modified should not be required. In addition, the Applicant emphasized that a person of ordinary skill in the art would have believed it was necessary to use modified oligonucleotides. The Applicant also emphasized that it was not believed that the Office had adequately explained why the evidence submitted by the Applicant was insufficient to overcome the rejection. Furthermore, the Applicant also respectfully submitted that the Office had not submitted evidence to indicate that Obremski used unmodified oligonucleotides. The Applicant indicated that a statement of common ownership would be filed to overcome the cited Matson patent. The Office did not appear to acquiesce in the Applicant's arguments. The Applicant respectfully requested reconsideration from the Office.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6700 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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